

Memorandum

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS

CTC Meeting: April 26-27, 2006

Reference No.: 2.2c.(8)
Action Item

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Ref: **APPROVAL OF PROJECT FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION OF FUNDING,
05-Mon-101, PM R91.2/100.4
RESOLUTION E-06-12**

RECOMMENDATION:

The Department of Transportation (Department) recommends that the California Transportation Commission (Commission), as a responsible agency, approve the attached Resolution E-06-12.

ISSUE:

The attached resolution proposes to approve for future consideration of funding the following project for which a Final Environmental Impact Report (FEIR) has been completed:

- Route 101 in Monterey County – Operational and safety improvements near Prunedale.

This project is fully funded in the 2004 State Transportation Improvement Program for \$224,566,000 for capital and support, and is scheduled to begin construction in Fiscal Year 2008-09.

The FEIR has been transmitted to Commission staff. This project, along with most other major transportation projects in this community over the past forty years, has evoked substantial public controversy on the basis of potential community impacts. As a result, an Environmental Impact Report was prepared in anticipation of continuing public controversy and to ensure legal defensibility under the “fair argument” standard of the California Environmental Quality Act.

The Department has approved the project for construction. This approval and the filing of the Notice of Determination with the Office of Planning and Research will satisfy the environmental requirements for this stage of the project planning process.

Attachments

CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

Resolution for Future Consideration of Funding 05-Mon-101, PM R91.2/100.4

Resolution E-06-12

- 1.1 WHEREAS**, the California Department of Transportation (Department) has completed a Final Environmental Impact Report pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the CEQA Guidelines for the following project:

 - Route 101 in Monterey County – Operational and safety improvements near Prunedale.
- 1.2 WHEREAS**, the Department has certified that the Final Environmental Impact Report has been completed pursuant to CEQA and the State CEQA Guidelines for its implementation; and
- 1.3 WHEREAS**, the California Transportation Commission, as a responsible agency, has considered the information contained in the Final Environmental Impact Report; and
- 1.4 WHEREAS**, the Final Environmental Impact Report did not identify any significant effects after mitigation.
- 2.1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the California Transportation Commission does hereby approve the above referenced project to allow for future consideration of funding.

